

REMARKS

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005. Claim 1 is amended, claims 3 and 22-28 are canceled, and claims 29-34 are added such that claims 1-2, 4-21 and 29-34 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 5 and 6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 8-21 were allowed.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated Wood et al. (U.S. 2005/0051889 A1). Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 3 which was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has also amended claim 1 to clarify that the base includes power contacts which "receive power from a voltage source". This particular amendment to claim 1 was done for purposes of clarity and not to overcome any prior art.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 are respectfully requested.

New Claims 29-34

Applicant has added claim 29 which includes all of the limitations of claim 5, intervening claim 4 and base claim 1. As discussed above, claim 5 was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 30 and 31 depend from claim 29 such that claims 30 and 31 incorporate all of the limitations of claim 29. Applicant notes that claim 29 also includes the clarifying language that was added to claim 1 such that claim 29 recites that the base includes

“power contacts which extend from an upper surface of the base to receive power from a voltage source.”

Applicant has also added claim 32 which includes all of the limitations of claim 6 and base claim 1. As discussed above, claim 6 was indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 33 and 34 depend from claim 32 such that claims 33 and 34 incorporate all of the limitations of claim 32. Applicant notes that claim 32 also includes the clarifying language that was added to claim 1 such that claim 32 recites that the base includes “power contacts which extend from an upper surface of the base to receive power from a voltage source.”

Reservation of Right to File Continuation or Divisional Applications

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection listed above and reserves the right to reintroduce any claims their original form in one or more continuation or divisional applications at a later date.

Reservation of Right to Swear Behind References

Applicant reserves the right to swear behind any references which are cited in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102(a), 102(e), 103/102(a), and 103/102(e). Statements distinguishing the claimed subject matter over the cited references are not to be interpreted as admissions that the references are prior art.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Andrew Peret at 262-646-7009, or the below-signed attorney at 612-349-9592, to facilitate prosecution of this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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